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Change Of Lawyers Is Based On Money

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Money and disgruntled brothers emerged yesterday as reason behind the change in attorneys hours before James Earl Ray was scheduled to stand trial in the April 4 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jerry Ray and John Ray, brothers of accused James Earl Ray, have told several newsmen here they feel attorney Arthur Hanes and writer William Bradford Huie are using their brother to make money and get publicity.

Jerry Ray, it was learned, became curious enough about the flow of cash from Look magazine to writer Huie and from Mr. Huie to attorney Hanes that he flew to Huntsville, Ala., from St. Louis to inquire about it of Mr. Huie 11 days ago.

Mr. Huie has said he has turned over "more than $30,000" to Ray's attorney as part payment to Ray for the exclusive rights to his story. The story is being published by Look magazine.

Percy Foreman of Houston, Ray's new lawyer, said yesterday Mr. Hanes told him over the telephone that Ray still owes him $12,000 in expenses plus legal fees.

Mr. Hanes, in fact, said yesterday he won't turn over any evidence or papers in the case to Mr. Foreman until he's paid the $12,000.

Jerry Ray told newsmen at the Claridge yesterday he was concerned that Hanes "seems to be in this case just for the publicity." He said he admired Foreman's technique especially because "he doesn't talk to reporters. He works to win."

James Earl Ray and Hanes earlier have been at odds over financial arrangements over Mr. Huie's exclusive rights to Ray's story of the mystery shrouded slaying.

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Jerry Ray said his brother (James Earl) has been "unhappy because he hasn't seen [illegible] of that money (the $30,000 supposedly turned over to Mr. Hanes) yet."

Contacted yesterday in Look's New York editorial offices, Mr. Huie termed reports that the brothers were disgruntled over the financial arrangements "complete nonsense."

"I went over all of that with Jerry Ray on Nov. 1. He spent the night and we talked at great length. He seemed satisfied. I went over everything—all the contracts with James Earl Ray. I told him that any way Ray wanted the money held was quite all right with me and Mr. Hanes. There was no disgruntlement whatever."

Mr. Huie said there has been complete disclosure of his financial arrangements with Mr. Hanes and Ray.

"In August I made a complete disclosure to Judge (W. Preston) Battle. There has been no secrecy in this matter at all."

After brief comments to reporters in the Claridge lobby yesterday that they were unhappy with Mr. Hanes, his handling of the case and the financial aspects of it, both declined questions from newsmen.

"I've got nothing to say. My counsel told me not to say anything," said John Ray as he strode through the drizzle after visiting James Earl Ray in his cell.

Mr. Foreman, wearing his hat and with his feet propped on the bed in his Claridge room, wasn't reluctant to talk about the money he's made.

"There may be lawyers who make more money than I do, but I make more money out of law than any lawyer in Houston," he said.

"I've given away at least $300,000 this year."

Mr. Foreman said he has made so much money in the courtroom this year that he could afford to pay a national television network $300,000 for a five-hour film on the law. He said he plans to give the film to a school.

Referring to his tax bracket, Mr. Foreman said: "I've made so much money that it cost me only $17 on the thousand to buy the film."

But the question of who is paying him for his work in the Ray case remained unanswered.